

**United States District Court
Northern District of California**

Ability to Serve Questionnaire

(Trial Date: February 9, 2009)

INSTRUCTIONS: PLEASE COMPLETE ALL BLANKS BELOW AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE JURY OFFICE IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE ON OR BEFORE **FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2009**. IF YOU REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED, YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE ACTION TAKEN ON YOUR REQUEST ONLY IF IT IS GRANTED. THE GRANTING OF AN EXCUSE WILL APPLY ONLY TO THIS TRIAL. YOU WILL REMAIN SUBJECT TO CALL FOR OTHER TRIALS.

NOTE: PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE JURY OFFICE EVEN IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST AN EXCUSE. **PLEASE PRINT.**

NAME: _____

EMPLOYER: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

PLEASE CHECK **ONE**:

_____ **YES**, I will be able to serve on this particular case, and I will follow the instructions on the summons I received with this questionnaire.

_____ I ask to be excused from this trial because it would cause me undue hardship or extreme inconvenience. (Please use the space below to state the reason you cannot serve. Please give **detailed** reasons regarding your request and include copies of supporting documents, such as a doctor's note, pre-paid, non-refundable travel tickets, or verification of your employer's jury duty policy.)

I hereby declare under the pain and penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

(Dated)

(Your Signature)

United States District Court

**Northern District of California
United States Courthouse
1301 Clay Street, Suite 400S
Oakland, CA 94612-5212**

**Claudia Wilken
United States District Judge**

**(510) 637-3533
(Voice Mail Only)**

January 5, 2009

Dear Prospective Juror:

Your name has been drawn at random as a prospective juror for a lengthy trial in this court. It is estimated that the trial will begin February 9, 2009 and will last for approximately Four (4) weeks until March 6, 2009.

Court will generally be in session Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Note: there will be no court from February 11, 2009 through February 16, 2009.

The sole purpose of these questionnaires is to assist the Court in determining your availability to serve as a juror in this case. Please complete the attached Questionnaires and Jury Information Form (located at the bottom of your summons) and return it in the enclosed envelope on or before **January 16, 2009**. **Do not** discuss the contents of these questionnaires and your responses with any family, friends or acquaintances.

As indicated on the enclosed summons, please call the Jury Office's recorded message at 1-800-569-7658 on Sunday, February 8, 2009 **after** 5:00 p.m. for reporting instructions.

The policy of this Court is to excuse prospective jurors, who have been qualified for service, only rarely. If you have any disabling medical infirmity, explain the condition in detail and provide supporting documents from your doctor. If you request to be excused from this case for travel-related reasons, you must enclose a copy of your pre-paid, non-refundable travel tickets. Requests for excuse based on financial considerations must include a copy of your employer's policy concerning jury duty. Please note that your answers to the attached questionnaire will have the effect of a statement given to the Court under oath or affirmation.

You will receive notification **ONLY** if your excuse has been granted. If you do not receive notification that you are excused, you **MUST** follow the instructions on the enclosed summons. If you are excused from serving as a prospective juror in this case, this will not excuse you from future service in this court. You will be notified when you are to appear for other cases.

Serving on a case such as this is a service to your country and community. It is an important obligation of citizenship and is greatly appreciated by this Court.

Sincerely,

Claudia Wilken
United States District Judge